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CURIOS CHINESE HABITS.

DR. BENJAMIN, of Griqualand, writes to the "New Caledonian Society" as follows:

"When a Chinaman desires a visitor to dine with him he does not call him to do so, but when he does not wish his visitor to eat with him he asks him to stay by his side and asks him, 'Will you stay and dine with me please?' The visitor will then know he is not wanted."

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The object of the Chinaman is to have a nice comfortable funeral. In China one can always procure money on the strength of having a son, but nobody could afford such a sum if he had a dozen daughters. The former is responsible for the debt of his father for three generations. The latter is only responsible for the debts of her own husband.

When a Chinaman meets another he shuns and避es his own hands and covers his head. If great friends have not seen each other for a long time they would rub their shoulders until they got them. Instead of asking each other's health they would say, "How is your stomach?" or "How have you eaten your rice?" "How much did you pay for your sandals?" "How old are you?"

Men wear long petticoats and carry fans, while the women wear short jackets and carry canes. Boys are drawn by horse carriages, move by girls. Old men play ball and fly kites, while children fold their arms and look on. Old women, instead of young, are the idols of society.

Love making is only done three days before marriage. It is not only considered the safest way to get a wife without losing much time, previous acquaintance between the male and female preventing him from running away, but it is also a means of getting rid of his lover.

If a Chinaman desires the death of an enemy he goes and hangs himself upon that enemy's door. It is considered a sure way to kill not only that particular enemy, but members of his entire family will be in jeopardy of laying their lives—North China Herald.

On the island of Amakura, in the province of Yunnan, there are fifty-two of these barbarian villages, containing among them as many as 1,700 miles of land, most of which is "soil" (shrub) of land success, and these are because their forefathers had their houses burned by the French in 1812, and went round collecting the means of rebuilding them, still set off every summer after seed time, and beg their way in tents and twentys through the richer districts of the south till next harvest, though it appears that the business is now very much less lucrative than it used to be in consequence of the growing impoverishment of their products.

But much graver forms of pauperism have recently begun to invade Russia than those curious beggar-villages, comprising among them as many as 1,700 miles of land, most of which is "soil" (shrub) of land success, and these are because their forefathers had their houses burned by the French in 1812, and went round collecting the means of rebuilding them, still set off every summer after seed time, and beg their way in tents and twentys through the richer districts of the south till next harvest, though it appears that the business is now very much less lucrative than it used to be in consequence of the growing impoverishment of their products.

The scene is a life for him of hopeless misery, ending in a wretched death.

It is right that the young men and women for whom the Companion aims to be a faithful friend should understand the full significance of such a story. How many of them, who scarcely pass childhood, have formed foolish attachments for unworthy or unengaged objects, and are now writhed because of their fear that these attachments and their own despair must last as long as life?

Some plants, on first emerging from the ground, put forth two leaves, each, coarse and unattractive, wholly different from the delicate and beautiful foliage which they develop afterward.

—Washington Star.

Traveling Accommodations for Soldiers.

The secretary of war has ordered that the following sleeping and parlor car accommodations be allowed officers and soldiers while traveling on public duty:

Officers of the army traveling on duty with troops, clerks and agents in the military service, traveling under orders, shall be allowed the services of the post non-commissioned staff, hospital stewards and non-commissioned officers of the grade, sergeants of the signal service, and quartermaster ser-

vices, mounted when traveling on duty without troops, and when necessary, in valid soldiers traveling under orders, shall be allowed one double berth in a sleeping car, or the customary state-room accommodations, on boats and steamers where extra charge is made for such accommodations. The same allowances may be authorized, in the discretion of the chief signal officer, in the case of corporals and privates of the signal corps, and quartermaster ser-

vices mounted when traveling on duty without troops, when traveling at night, or when the travel exceeds twelve continuous hours. Officers of the army traveling on duty with troops shall also be allowed one seat in a day parlor car.—Washington Star.

Boating with the Larvae.

In the matter of authentic records for roping with the larval mite probably the best record is one hundred and six feet, which has been claimed for a California man now traveling with Buffalo Bill's show, while ninety-four feet has been claimed for a Billings (Mont.) man, but both of these records are questionable. The average cow pitcher from Texas to Montana uses a rope which barely reaches fifty feet, and from twelve to fifteen feet must be deducted from this measure for circumference of nose. Specimens so called "California loop" exceed this by nearly five feet. In catching a wild horse or steer, after the nose is over the animal's neck or head, the end of the rope is swiftly held around the horns of the animal, the horse being hauled back to resist the shock, which in most cases either snags the rope or sends the captured animal all in a heap.

What the possibilities of roping to catch are is hard to say. No doubt with a horse at full gallop down hill, the wind favorable and a good long rope, all expert may reach 100 feet, but such cases are few, and far between, and most good ropers feel extremely pleased when they can reach out over full length of their forty-five foot rope and catch.

If roping was conducted under the conditions to which most athletic competitions are subjected, as regards speed, ground and standing in position, a fifty-foot throw would be a good record, while a seventy-foot throw one example of an ordinary toss and, in fact, the most ordinary way to begin roping. Of course, a distance of seven or eight feet must be allowed for the animal to run, and the distance to the target to the mounted position of the horse, though the full breadth of the arena is not to be had with the use of the lasso.

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"Don't die, darling," said her mother.

"I want to die and go to heaven."

"Well, then, I guess I do," said the little one thoughtfully. What is heaven, mamma?"

"Oh, it is a beautiful place, the most beautiful you could think of; where the streets are all bright with gold, and there are angels, and such pretty music as you never heard before."

Little May pondered the information a moment, then she asked earnestly:

"Is it any better than the dog show, mamma?"—Portland Transcript.

Food Wanting.

If a servant always orders as far as he can and does his work correctly as far as he goes, what more can be expected? And yet the result is not always satisfactory, even to reasonable employers.

The Boston Courier has a story of a woman who owns a very large and handsome dog, of which she is very fond, and perhaps a little proud. The other day she sent him out to the stable to be weighed, concluding the operation to a new servant, who looked upon the powerful animal with contemptuous eyes, and apparently with some real affection.

The man was gone a surprisingly long time, but at last reappeared and announced that the dog weighed 120 pounds.

"One hundred and twenty pounds?" repeated the lady. "Are you sure you weighed him right? He must weigh more than that."

"Oh, yes, mam' sure as I weighed him right, but I couldn't get him all on the scales."

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African Jesters.

WOMEN IN PRISON.

See the "New Caledonian Society" for details.

Dr. Benjamin, of Griqualand, writes to the "South African Journal" as follows:

"The South African Journal says an account of a peculiar nervous affection which is met with among the Griquas and other natives and individuals of mixed descent living in Griqualand. It suggests that perhaps the affection is similar to that prevalent among the French Comtoises, and gives it the name of 'lunaparis.' Dr. Benjamin says: 'The affection is largely confined to the male sex and I never saw or heard of a female having it.'

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dancing pavilions, imitating the ap-

pearance of that familiar crowd that

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